

# VICTORIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

## Minutes of December 2017 Committee Meeting

Held at 7:15 pm on Monday 4th December 2017

### PRESENT:

Tony Price	President
Wayne Williams	Vice-President
Jim Davis	Secretary
Peter Sawyer	Assistant Secretary
Charlie Grech	Committee
John Share	Committee
Steve Cini	Committee
Rod Simmons	Committee

### Apologies:

Gary Church	Committee
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### Guests:

Paul Burlak	Social Committee
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**Meeting Chaired by:** Tony Price

### Distribution:

All Present  
VPU Website

## 1.0 Previous Minutes November 2017

1.1 Minutes of November 2017 were read and received on a motion from W.Williams seconded by P.Sawyer Note

## 2 Business arising from November minutes

2.6 Minute 2.1 - Members were complaining about lack of fresh air around the units and baskets. Exhaust fans to be reviewed ASAP. P.Sawyer tabled quotation form Trydant Refrigeration. All believed too high. Another quote is coming. T.Price to follow up with VHA on further guidance on design requirements. T.Price to meet Mechanical contractor on site with the view that the design will be based on similar to VHA rooms. Awaiting quote D Crosbie. J.Davis requested this be put on hold until May 2017.T.Price to send email. Quote received "Aircon install Guys". Not accepted. T.Price to follow up with D.Crosbie via email. TP Ongoing

2.7 Minute 2.2 - V.Cannizzo advised that drinkers were in a bad state.P Sawyer to follow up cost for having stripped back and regalanised. P Sawyer advised that C.Loten would provide sample and cost of powdercoated system as other will rust. P.Sawyer advised that C.Loten was going to provide sample of new galvanised and rate. Sample follow up C Grech. Tabled SS sample. Request price and request Gal version. Review overseas costs. R.Simmons to follow up.

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	Measure standard unit for quoting purposes. Advised of landed price. Follow up sample. Sample not correct shape or sizing. Need further review. 80 no required.	All	Ongoing
2.8	Minute 2.3 - J Share questioned whether next season 2018 will be on the North track if 2017 season is missed or partly missed. Further discussion. Review next meeting when flyer numbers known. Further discussion to be held. Hold until end of season. J.Davis tabled Option 1 N/E track. After discussion agreed Sprint series be on North line due to westerlies and closeness of snow fields. Thursday night basketing from Hay. J.Davis to modify and issue to VHA for discussion. J.Davis tabled Option 3 that was discussed with the VHA. To be issued to members once confirmed with VHA. Decision to be made on "week off" as to whether 10 birder held noting cannot be part of distance series aggregate but part of combined.	JD	Dec'17
2.4	Minute 2.4 - Charlie Grech showed letter formats for Clubs to apply for BBQ days at Bunnings. If accepted by Bunnings, it would require each Club or representatives to work at the various outlets on a Saturday (non-racing season) to raise funds. Club Contacts are: Broadmeadows – TBA, Coburg – M.Doria, Fawkner – T.Price, Footscray – D. Brown, Glenroy – P Sawyer, Kilmore – C Grech, NSHC – J. Share, Pascoe Vale – S.Cini, Preston – J.Floros, Regent – C.Cox, and Thomastown – W.Williams. C Grech to continue follow up. Needed Presidents and Secretaries, addresses and email contacts. Also note that any funds raised would be for future transport only. Notifications urgent. Those responded were NSHC, Glenroy and Kilmore. Bunning allocated one for March next year at Craigieburn.	All	Ongoing
2.5	Minute 2.5 - Honour boards now need to be installed with ones still in use at lower level. Working group to install. T.Price to confirm name of lettering company for update of Union board. Quote to be obtained – colour black. C Grech now arranging. Boards now all up. Clubs to issue update information and font and colour of updates to be discussed with signwriter.	CG	Ongoing
2.9	Minute 2.6 - T.Price requested review of where the spare red roller wheels were. CG advised that they were left at rooms as confirmed by current Owner. T.Price to discuss with Andrew	TP	Dec'17
2.10	Minute 2.7 - R.Simmons questioned whether AUST rings would be acceptable for racing. Refer new Minute Rule. J.Share questioned who was the recognised body/organisation for contacting lost birds. Since not produced by a recognised body AUST rings are not approved for racing in the VRPU under Rule 114.	Note	
2.11	Minute 2.8 - C.Grech advised that front entry door required adjustment and closer.	JD	Ongoing
2.12	Minute 2.9 - R.Simmons suggested that many of our Rules are either outdated or not adhered to and therefore our Rules needs a full review. J.Davis to commence review. Commenced and will issue to Charles Hider for approval prior to issue.	JD	Ongoing
2.13	Minute 8.2 - P Sawyer advised of a double ring number in his ICON issue of rings. Numbers to be advised. Tabled at meeting. T.Price to advise K.Clarke.	TP	Dec'17

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- 2.14 Minute 8.4 - Transport sub committee advised reviews continuing. All Ongoing
- 2.15 Minute 8.5 - J Share requested that the old STB clocks be given a 12 month window to change over to either the Quartz clocks or electronic given servicing difficult and becoming unreliable. Further discuss. All Ongoing
- 2.11 Minutes adopted on the motion of W.Williams seconded J.Share

### 3.0 Correspondence in

- 3.1 Email 28/11 from P. Anastasi re application to continue being ring secretary.
- 3.2 Email 1/12 from Fawkner Club advising of their President I. Johnson and Secretary T Price and nomination of T.Price as President.
- 3.3 Email 4/12 from P Anastasi re new PMV vaccine arrived and 15 in stock. Note
- 3.4 Letter 4/12 from the Kilmore Club nominating C Grech and C.Loten for the committee
- 3.5 Letter November 2017 from Wallan Pigeon Club re request for clocking centre, amendment to Rule 68 re prize money split and Rule 80 re Night birds.
- 3.6 Pascoe Vale Club nominated M.Doria as second room steward for 2018

### 4.0 Correspondence out:

- 4.1 Email 10/10 sent to VHA with final draft of 2018 Race Schedule Note

### 5.0 Business arising from correspondence

- 5.1 J.Davis to place all nominations for 2018 Committee, ring secretary and 2<sup>nd</sup> room steward on website. JD Dec'17
- 5.2 J.Davis to respond to Wallan Club advising of Committee discussions held. JD Dec'17

### 6.0 Clock Chairman report

- 6.1 Nil Note

### 7.0 Secretary Report

- 7.1 J.Davis advised that the accounts were balanced as at the end of November 2017. Note
- 7.2 J. Davis to have reviewed the current insurance policy covers. Met with Insurance Broker onsite and revised policy will be issued to cover our use and delete cover on Units during transport as covered under VHA policy. Awaiting revised quote. Note  
Now paid and covers forklift use.

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- 7.3 J.Davis reminded that a bank statement from the social club for end December was required in order to finalise year ends accounts. Draft issued. Await final December statement. CG Dec'17

### 8.0 New Business

- 8.1 The 2018 Race schedule has a rest week or optional VHA 500 the week before the last race. A 10 Birder from Deniliquin was agreed provided it was not part of the long distance series but still part of the combined aggregate. J.Davis to update when overall accepted with VHA. JD Dec'17
- 8.2 J Share advised that the current drinkers sit too low in brackets and birds struggle to drink.Brackets need a welded piece to raise 20mm. Further review. All Note
- 8.3 R.Simmons noted that some pigeon flyers were circulating information/ advertising to our contact list without permission which was against the protocol of our Social Media on the website. J.Davis to follow up. JD Dec'17
- 8.4 P. Sawyer questioned whether from the Union banked funds, the VRPU could match \$1 for \$1 what the Social committee raises each year which would go to a nominated fund activity. Fund activity to be decided/agreed. All Note
- 8.5 T.Price suggested, in the interest of having second back up for loading the truck with the forklift, that we have our hydraulic lifter reinstalled. Need to review simplest and best location noting for back up only. All Note
- 8.6 The spare room to the front of the Building is to converted into a lockable store with wire meshed wall and gate. Approved. CG Dec'17
- 8.7 The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the VPU was confirmed at 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 12:30pm to 5:30pm \$55 per head all inclusive at the same venue in Fawkner as last year's presentation night. Tickets available soon. CG Dec'17

### 9.0 Minute Rules 2017

- 9.1 Rule 102. For all races over approximately 600km (known as the 400's), clocks are to be produced at the VPU rooms at **7:00pm** on the day following the day of liberation or as otherwise directed by the Committee. The only occasions that this time can be exceeded is when a member is still within 90 minutes of clocking.
- 9.2 Rule 118. It is incumbent on all members to follow the Social Media guidelines as set out under "Important Documents" on the VRPU website. Disregard for these guidelines shall invoke Rule 11 of the Constitution.
- 9.3 Electronic Rules – Schedule 1 – Use of ESB Systems. Rules 26a) and b) delete, thus if a race result print out from an electronic clock cannot be produced at an approved clocking centre, and then the result shall not be given.
- 9.4 Rule 113 – Add to the end of paragraph – Any life ring, other than VPU rings or Special Race rings, will attract a surcharge of 50 cents for every ring upon registration of the flyers ring list.

**Meeting closed 8:37 pm - Next Meeting - 7:30pm 5th February 2018 at the VRPU rooms.**

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